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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended)

An ornamental element configured to be worn adjacent the body of a wearer, the ornamental element comprising ~~an article of jewelry comprising a plurality of connected links~~ main body having a front and a rear, said links ~~body~~ constructed from solid titanium, and a magnetic element associated with each of said links, the magnetic element connected to the link ~~main body~~, the magnetic element having a face, said face generally co-planar with at least a portion of said rear of said link ~~body~~, a surface area of said face of said magnetic element comprising at least 50% of a total area comprising the rear of said link ~~main body~~ and said face of said magnetic element, and including a clasp member at opposing ends of said plurality of connected links, said clasp members configured to be selectively connected to connect said plurality of connected links into a closed loop.

2.-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended)

The ornamental element in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said face of said magnetic element is ~~generally~~ oval in shape.

5.-9. (Canceled)

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10. (Currently Amended)

A bracelet configured to be worn adjacent the body of a wearer, said bracelet comprising a plurality of links, one or more of said links connected to one another, each link having a front and a rear, said links constructed from ~~substantially from~~ a solid precious ~~or semi-precious~~ metal selected from the group consisting of gold, silver, platinum and titanium, substantially all of said links having an associated ~~and a~~ magnetic element, ~~the magnetic element connected to one or more of said links, the~~ each magnetic element having a face, said face generally co-planar with at least a portion of said rear of said link to which it is connected, a surface area of said face of said magnetic element comprising at least 50% of a total area comprising the rear of said link and said face of said magnetic element.

11. (Currently Amended)

The bracelet in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said face of said magnetic element comprises at least about 75% ~~50%~~ of the total area comprising the rear of said link including said magnetic element.

12. (Currently Amended)

The bracelet in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said magnetic elements are oval in shape ~~a magnetic element is associated with each link~~.

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13. (Original)

The bracelet in accordance with Claim 10 wherein each link is generally rectangular in shape, having a first end and a second end, said first end including an outwardly extending tongue and said second end including an inwardly extending notch, the tongue of one or more links located in the notch of an adjacent link.

14. (Original)

The bracelet in accordance with Claim 13 including means for selectively connecting at least two of the links so that said bracelet may be formed into a closed loop or opened to be placed on a wearer.

15. (Currently Amended)

A bracelet configured to be worn on the body of a wearer, the bracelet comprising a plurality of precious metal links connected to one another end to end and having a pair of clasp links at opposing ends of the bracelet, the precious metal links ~~one or more of the links~~ having a front and a back and a length between ends thereof being greater than a width, and a magnetic element associated with each of said precious metal links ~~at least one link~~, said magnetic element having a face which is generally co-planar with a back of the link with which is associated, the magnetic element being oval in shape, with an elongate portion of said oval magnetic element aligned in a length-wise direction of said link.

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16. (Currently Amended)

The bracelet in accordance with Claim 15 wherein said plurality of precious-metal ~~one or more~~ links have a notch at a first end and an outwardly extending tongue at an opposing second end and wherein said magnetic element is offset in said lengthwise direction along said link by a distance which said notch extends into said first end.

17. (Currently Amended)

The bracelet in accordance with Claim 16 wherein said face of said magnetic element comprises at least 50% of a total area comprising a back of said precious-metal link including said magnetic element.

18. (Currently Amended)

The bracelet in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said one or more precious-metal links comprise solid precious metal selected from the group consisting of: gold, silver, platinum and titanium.